

Docket No.: 826.1554D

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Yutaka KATSUYAMA

Serial No. (Unassigned)

Group Art Unit: 2623

Confirmation No.

Filed: (Concurrently)

Examiner: A. Bhatnagar

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND PATTERN EXTRACTION APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: